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NON-COMPLIANCE OF BIO-MEDICAL WASTE NORMS BY HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of dumping of bio-medical waste along with the kitchen waste, etc. in various cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Delhi Pollution Control Committee has issued show cause notices to some major hospitals in the capital for non-compliance of bio-medical waste norms;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the officials of the Central Pollution Control Board have found discrepancies in adhering to the waste norms; and

(f) if so, the facts thereof and further steps contemplated to check the same and ensure that the waste disposal norms are adhered to strictly?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.76 ON `NON-COMPLIANCE OF BIO-MEDICAL WASTE NORMS BY HOSPITALS` RAISED BY SHRI UDAY SINGH AND SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL FOR ANSWER ON 6.12.2004

(a) & (b) : As per the provisions of Bio-Medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998, the bio-medical waste generated by hospitals is required to be segregated, treated and disposed of. A number of hospitals, more commonly smaller hospitals, however, are reported to have not been segregating the bio-medical waste properly. As a result, the mixing of such waste with other types of wastes cannot be ruled out.

(c) & (d) : The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), conducts periodic inspections of hospitals for monitoring the compliance of the Bio-Medical Waste Rules. Since April, 2004, DPCC has issued show cause notices to 22 hospitals in Delhi which were found to be non-complying with the Rules and these hospitals are taking necessary corrective measures.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has issued show cause notices to 23 defaulting hospitals in the country. Also, the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) in their respective States/Union Territories have issued show cause notices to the defaulting hospitals. Further, CPCB has developed and circulated guidelines for Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facilities and guidelines for Design and construction of Bio-Medical Waste Incinerators to all SPCBs/PCCs. In this regard, Central Government has also invited the attention of State Governments during the last Conference of the State Environment Ministers held during 8-9 September, 2004 at New Delhi.

ANNXURE-I

Action Taken Report of Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC)

- DPCC conducts regular inspections in the hospitals for ensuring compliance of the Bio-medical waste (Management& Handling) rules.
- Since April, 2004 ,102 inspections had been carried out and 22 cases of non-compliance had been found.
- DPCC had issued 22 no of show cause notices to the hospitals.
- Some of the major hospitals for which show-cause notices issued and the latest status are as given below;

Sl.No.	Name of the hospital	Discrepancies found	Latest Status.
1.	Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute(25-03-04,)	Incinerator was not functioning as per norms.	Entered into an agreement with the common operator for the incinerable waste disposal.
2.	Swami Dayanand Hospital, Shahdara 21-04-04	Incinerator was not functioning as per norms.	Effluent marginally not meeting the standards. Carried out modification so as to meet the norms. Measures being taken for effluent to meet the standards.
3.	Charak Palika Hospital, (05-05-04)	Segregation, color coding was being followed.	Incinerator not functioning as per norms. Air Pollution Control device installed. Waste Management practices improved as per rules.
4.	Hindu Rao Hospital, 30-04-04	Segregation, color coding was not being followed.	Reply received. Pending for reinspection.
5.	Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital (02-06-04)	Incinerator was not functioning as per norms.	Direction for closure of incinerator issued.
6.	Maharaja Agersen Hospital (13-08-04)	Segregation, color coding was not being followed & poor sharp management	Hospital was reinspected Some deficiencies still exist. Being given an opportunity of personal hearing.
7.	MGS Hospital West Punjabi Bagh(24-08-04)	Segregation, color coding was being followed.	Poor sharp management. Hospital was reinspected Some deficiencies still exist. Being given an opportunity of personal hearing
8.	All India Inst. of Medical Sciences (02-11-04)	Incinerator was not functioning as per norms.	Air Pollution Control Devices Installed. Carried out minor modification so as to meet the norms.
9.	Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Hospital,Hari Nagar	Segregation, color-coding was not being followed.	Compliance report received. Applied for renewal. Pending for reinspection.
10.	ESI Jhillmill	Effluent Quality not as per norms.	Directed the hospital to rectify and also to submit the effluent quality tested. Reinspection proposed shortly.
11	Lady Harding Med. College & Associate Hospitals.	Segregation, color-coding was not being followed.	Reply received regarding action taken & action proposed. Sought six months time for full compliance of the rules.
12	Saroj Hospital, Rohini	Segregation not as per rules. pH & Oil & Grease marginally exceeding the limits	Segregation improved. Carried out minor modification to reduce pH & oli& grease. & pending for reinspection.

13	ESI Basaidarapur	Incinerator was not functioning as per norms.	Direction for closure of incinerator is being issued.

In Delhi 22 incinerators, 19 auto claves and 2 microwaves are installed in the major hospitals. Two private common operators of facility are functioning in Delhi who are involved in the collection, transportation, treatment and disposal of waste from about 2000 individuals hospitals, nursing homes and clinics etc.

Besides for ensuring the compliance from the major hospitals the emissions from the incinerators and the effluent quality were monitored from IIT, Delhi. So far about 6000 health care professionals were trained so far on the better waste management practices.